

A Free Seismic Retrofit Seminar
Saturday June 23
10 a.m. to 12 noon

Open House Senior Center in El Cerrito
6500 Stockton Ave.
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**Understanding the
principles and practice of
effective seismic retrofitting**

An extensive number of photos and drawings will be presented. We will cover issues such as:

1. Why an April 2006 Contra Costa Times article discovered that two-thirds of all retrofits will not perform as intended and how to insure your house is not one of them.
2. Why geologists fear the Hayward Fault can rupture at any time.
3. An explanation of earthquake retrofit design principles and the most up to date retrofit practices.
4. Lessons learned in the Los Angeles Northridge earthquake and how you can profit from them.
5. Special problems posed by hillside homes.
6. Choosing a good contractor and how to check on his work.

Seminar instructors: Jeanne Perkins, Earthquake hazards mitigation expert with the Association of Bay Area Governments. <http://quake.abag.ca.gov/fixit>

Thor Matteson, a nationally acclaimed structural engineer and author of Wood-Framed Shear Wall Construction-an Illustrated Guide, published by the International Code Council. See www.shearwalls.com

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